Motor accidents in Delhi

1632. SHRI KALPNATH RAT Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS b? pleased to state:

('a) what is the number $_0$f motor accidents in Delhi during the last thr^e years and what is aie number of cases for payment of compensation to the accident victims which are pending final disposal in various tribunals for the last one, two and three years respectively; and

(b) wh'at steps Gov-ernment propose to take for the speedy disposal of such cases for early payment of compensation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) The Niimbe$_r$ °f" road accidepts a^{r}e indicated below:—

Year	No. of motor accidents
1984	5809
1985	6254
1986	6547
1987 (1-1-87 to 31-3-87)	1636

Information for the number of cases pending for payment of conpensation with the Tribunals for last one, two and three years is being collected and will be laid On the Table of the House i$_n$ due course.

(b) In addition to th$_e$ six Motor Accidents Claim Tribunals $_m$ Delhi, the Government of India have set up Lok Adalat to decide pending cases of compensation, to the victims of motor accidents. During the five sittings of th$_e$ Lok Adalat since 6.10.85 to 30.11.86 a total of 570 cases were decided and Rs. 2,15,16,350/- were awarded to the victims of motor accidents in Delhi.

Pensio$_n$ to freedom fighters from U.P.

1633. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

ia) what is th$_e$ number of freedom fighters from Uttar Pradesh who had applied fo$_r$ pension under the Swatantrata Sainik Saruman Pension Scheme during the las! three years;

(b) what is the number of case$_s$ sanctkmed/reje-cted; and

(c) what is the number of widows ot freedom lighters from U.P. to whom sions hav$_e$ been granted during lh$_e$ iasi three ye$^{1'}$

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI) ; (a) The last date of receipt of applications under the Swatantrata Saink Samman Pension Scheme was 31.3.82. Applications received after thi$_s$ date ar$_e$ not $_a$cceptabk unless they are supported by official evidence of sufferings. Such cases are vety few in number. However, fresh applications were invited from particiDants in ARYA SAMAI MOVEMENT which was recognised i$_n$ 1985, and 137 applications have bee,$_n$ received from such participant belonging t$_0$ U.P.

(b) and (c) During the last thre$_e$ years *Viz.* 1984, 1985 and 1986, 427 person-including 76 widows from U.P. wer; granted pension and 2956 cases were rejected, Pension was transferred to 195 widows of deceased freedom fighters during this period.

Development of agro-forestry

1634. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR; Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleaed to state;

(al whether Government propose to develop agro-forestry;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what *»ps have been taken by Government to encourage the farmers and rural landless in this direction;

(d) whether it is a fact that 'TreePatla' *i.e.* allotment of land for tree plantation is being encouraged by some State Governments to encourage agro-forestry; and

(e) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE TO THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The National Wastelands Development Board has initiated a scheme of decentralised nurseries anj a component of seedling distribution for farm forestry under scheme of Rural Fuelwood Plantation and Afforestation of eco-sensitive non-Himalayan areas. A new scheme, namely, 'Establishment of Silvi-pastural Farms' to augment qualrty fodder/grass production has also been started.

(c) Decentralised nurseries, distribution of seedlings, tree growers cooperatives and tree pattas are some of the steps taken by the Government to encourage the farmers and rural landless in this direction.

(d) and (e) Degraded revenue/community tends, ^nd strips along road sides and canal sides are considered for the issue of tree pattas to rhe rural poor. The States of Bihar. Madhva Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, R'ajasthan, Gujarat, Andhi-q Pradesh and Orissa have introducer! the tree patta scheme, in one form or the either.

Change of name of Bombay c'ty

1635. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 158 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 24th February, 1987 and state:

(a) whether Government are a^are. that the detrfand for change of name of *ac city of Bombay to Mumbai is neither on the grounds of local patriotism nor for linguistic reasons or for merely satisfying the local sentiments but to change the distorted v«rsion of the original name of Mumbai to Bombay given by he Brits-hers, just like Badoda ^ Vadodara; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to accept the demand for changing the name of the city, if so, when?

THE, MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) and (b) The matter had been examined and all the relevant factors were taken into consideration. There is however, no change in the stand already taken by the Government.

Deaths due to Open Manho|cs in Delhi

1636. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: SHRI K. GOPALAN;

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of unnatural deaths that occurred in Delhi due to open manholes during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) what steps ate being taken '-o cover the open manholes; and

(c) whether any steps are being taken to cover all the manholes jn the near future, if so, what are the details in his tegard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN 1HE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI); (a) According to the Delhi Fire Service Headquarters, 5 deaths occurred in Delhi during the last 3 years.

(b) and (c) According to the NDMC, open manholes are covered as soon as noticed. A large number of manholes were stolen, which have been covered by RCC slabs, p-d sand stone slabs efc. Ths NDMC has decided to replace these with 'Polycrete' covers. The Cantonm«nt Board are providing manhole covers of